

Having been both a commercial and amateur radio operator for in excess of a quarter century, and a volunteer examiner I respectfully submit the following.

Having read all of the proposed rule makings related to the requirement that amatuer radio operators exhibit a knowledge of morse code I submit the following.

It is in the best intersts of the amateur radio community that this requirement be maintained. This petition put forth by the FISTS organization is superior too all other proposed rulemakings now before the FCC. If you feel it necessary to adopt one of the proposals, please make it this one.

Eliminating the code would require a realignment of the band allocations in the amature service. It is my opinion that all other proposed rulemakings forward no reasonable solution to the allocation question.

It is my personal position that the requirements for code proficiency, needs to be stenghtened for the higher class licences, and needs to be a requirement for ALL classes of licences. Understanding that I may be in the minority with my opinion, I have decided the FISTS proposal makes the best compromise.

Respectfully submitted

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